

**Proposed revisions to Waste Discharge Requirements for
Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed
that are Members of the Third-party Group R5-2012-0116-R₂**

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

Page 1, Second line of finding 3. *Scope and Coverage of this Order*, revise as follows:

The Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed is bounded by the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range to the east, the Stanislaus River ~~Watershed~~ to the north, the San Joaquin River to the west, and the San Joaquin River Basin boundary to the south as identified in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basin Plan.

Page 19, provision IV.B.8. Requirement for Members of the Third-party Group, and page 26, provision VII.D. Nitrogen Management Plan, add a footnote at the end of Provision IV.B.8, and after the first reference to Nitrogen Management Plan in Provision VII.D as follows:

Nitrogen Management Plans are prepared in advance of the crop season, and based on circumstances that are forecasted. However, due to changes in weather, water availability, and other unanticipated circumstances, growers may find it necessary to adjust the Nitrogen Management Plan as originally prepared. Such adjustments are not considered to be violations of the Order, provided the revision maintains compliance with provision of this Order. Should such adjustments be necessary, the member must document the reasons for adjustments in the Nitrogen Management Plan retained at the grower's place of business and report the reasons to the third-party with the Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report (if applicable).

Page 26, provision VII.D.1. Nitrogen Management Plan, *All Members within a High Vulnerability Groundwater Area* and page 27, provision VII.D.1.b, *Deadlines for all other Members*, revise as follows:

For Members located within a high vulnerability groundwater area, for which nitrate is identified as a constituent of concern, the Member must prepare and implement a certified Nitrogen Management Plan starting 1 March 2016.

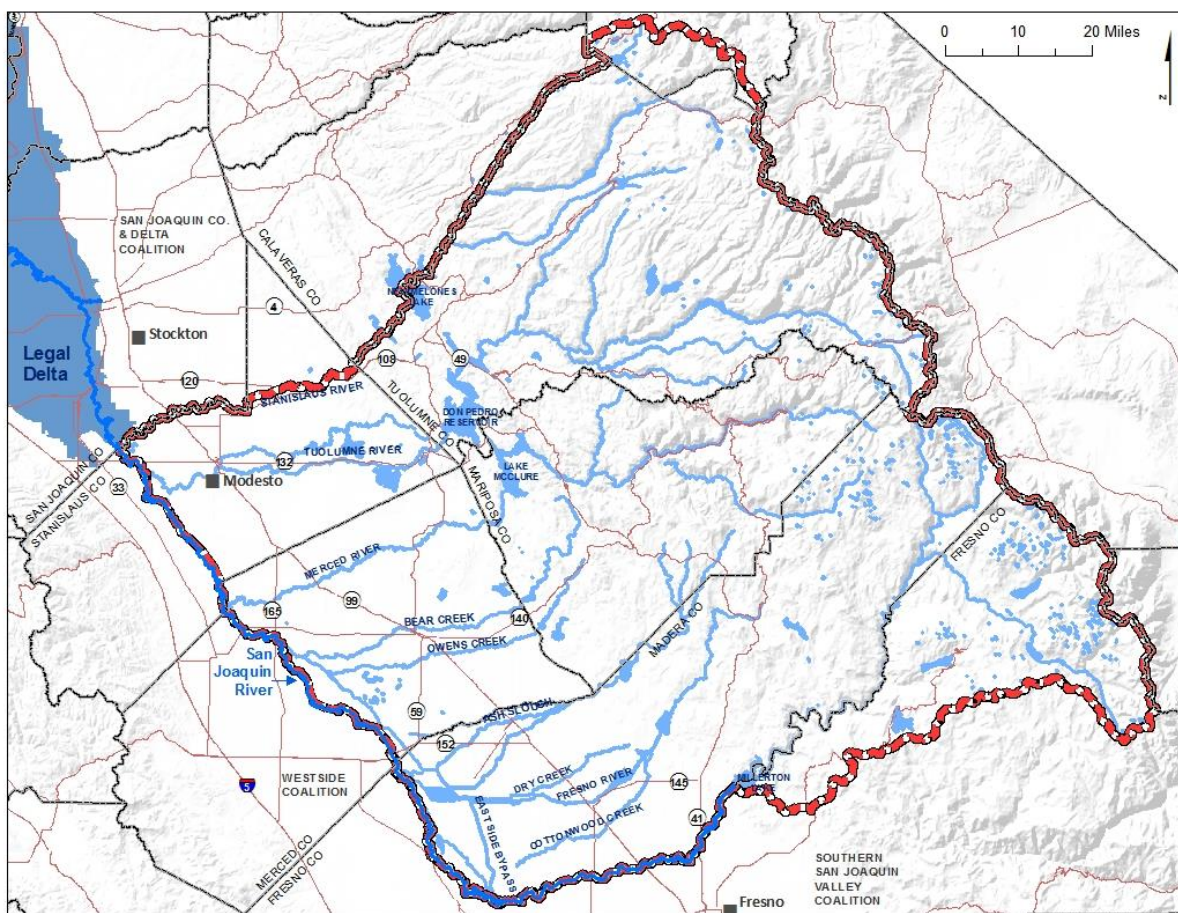
By 1 March 2015, all other Members shall prepare, and update by 1 March annually thereafter, a Nitrogen Management Plan. By 1 March 2016, and by 1 March annually, thereafter, all other Members shall prepare and implement a certified Nitrogen Management Plan pursuant to Provisions VII.D.1 and submit to the third-party the Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report for the previous year.

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Page 34, section VIII.H.4, Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan due date extended 60 days after the Executive Officers GAR approval.

In lieu of submitting separate groundwater quality management plans in the timeframe identified in section VIII.H.1, the third-party may submit a Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan along with its Groundwater Quality Assessment Report - within 60 days of the Executive Officers approval of the Groundwater Quality Assessment Report. With the exception of the timeframe identified in section VIII.H.1, all other provisions applicable to groundwater quality management plans in this Order and the associated MRP apply to the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan. The Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan must be updated at the same time as the Management Plan Progress Report (see attached MRP, Appendix MRP-1, section I.F) to address any constituents and areas that would have otherwise required submittal of a Groundwater Quality Management Plan.

Page 38, Figure 1. Map of the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed Area.



ATTACHMENT B – MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

Page 3, Section III. Surface Water Quality Monitoring Requirements

The third-party may elect to participate in an Executive Officer approved Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) [such as the Delta RMP]. If the third-party elects to participate in a RMP, the third-party may submit a proposal to the Executive Officer for approval to reduce some elements of the surface water monitoring requirements described below and instead provide funding and/or in-kind support to an approved RMP. Participation in a Regional Monitoring Program by a third-party shall consist of providing funds and/or in-kind services to the Regional Monitoring Program at least equivalent to discontinued individual monitoring and study efforts. Written approval of the third-party's request, by the Executive Officer, is required prior to discontinuing any monitoring. Approval by the Executive Officer is not required prior to participating in a Regional Monitoring Program.

If the third-party participates in an Executive Officer approved Regional Monitoring Program in lieu of conducting individual surface water monitoring, the third-party shall continue to participate in the Regional Monitoring Program until such time as the third-party informs the Board that participation in the Regional Monitoring Program will cease and the monitoring prior to approved reductions is reinstituted. Executive Officer approved reduced monitoring may continue so long as the third-party adequately supports the Regional Monitoring Program. If the Discharger fails to adequately support the Regional Monitoring Program, as defined by the Regional Monitoring Program, the third-party shall reinstitute monitoring required prior to approved reductions upon written notice from the Executive Officer.

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